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FOLLOWING ARE SWISS FEDERAL POLICE'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS
RAISED IN REFTEL:

A) DUE TO THE FEDERAL NATURE OF SWITZERLANDS GOVT,
EACH CANTON IS IN CHARGE IF ITS OWN NARCOTICS TRAINING
PROGRAM. ALL LARGER CANTONS TRAIN SPECIAL POLICE UNITS TO
COMBAT ILLEGAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. TRAINING PROGRAMS EXIST
FOR BASIC QUESTIONS. HOWEVER, EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT POLICE
OFFICIALS ACQUIRE THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE ONLY THROUGH PRACTICAL
WORK. THE SWISS CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES HAVE DEVELOPED A
SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WHO MAKE
THE BORDER INSPECTIONS.

B) ALL SWISS POLICE OFFICIAL MUST FOLLOW A TRAINING
PROGRAM WITHIN THE CANTONAL POLICE UNIT. THIS TRAINING
PROGRAM ALSO INCLUDES COURSES ON NARCOTCS CONTROL.
EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO COMMENT ON HOW MEANINGFUL IT IS.

C) THE OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR, DURING A
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SPECIAL CONFERENCE AT NEUCHATEL IN 1975, BRIEFED ALL

SPECIALLY TRAINED NARCOTICS OFFICIALS IN SWITZERLAND
ON NEW NARCOTICS REGULATIONS.

D) THE SWISS FEDERAL POLICE TRAINS YOUNG POLICE OFFICIALS
IN THE FIELD OF NARCOTICS CONTROL. THERE IS NO FORMAL
TRAINING FOR THE INSTRUCTORS. HOWEVER, THEY ARE EX-
PECTED TO KEEP UP TO DATE.

E) AS MENTIONED ABOVE, THERE IS NO TRAINING PROGRAM FOR
INSTRUCTORS.

F) PROVISIONAL 1976 STATISTICS:

ARRESTS: APPROX 5,000;
CONFISCATIONS: HEROIN - 13 KILOS; HASHISH - 385 KILOS;
COCAIN - 11 KILOS; LSD - 1,500 LOZENGES.
DEATH CASES: APPROX 50 (IN 1975 - 33; IN 1974 - 13).
A CHART, DETAILING NARCOTICS SEIZURES, TYPE OF NARCOTICS
SEIZED, ETC, IS BEING AIRPOUCHED TO DEPT - S/NM, DEA - TRI
AND US CUSTOMS - INTL OPERATIONS.

G) YES

H) SWISS GOVT WOULD APPRECIATE DEMONSTRATION
LECTURES BY EXPERIENCED US INSTRUCTORS. THE ORGANIZATION
OF SUCH TRAINING WOULD BE HANDLED BY THE SWISS FEDERAL
POLICE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SWISS NARCOTICS WORKING
GROUP.

I) SWISS GOVT WOULD ORGANIZE CENTRALIZED COURSES
FOR CANTONS. HOWEVER, IT COULD NOT CONSIDER BECOMING
INVOLVED TRAINING PERSONNEL NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES
DUE TO SWISS NEUTRALITY LAWS. DUE TO STRINGENT
BUDGET SITUATION, SWISS GOVT COULD NOT REIMBURSE
ANY TRAVEL EXPENSES INCURRED BY US INSTRUCTORS.

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